(b) and (c) There are no reports of any large scale settlement of foreign nationals like Bangladesh is on either side of the Gujarat border.

(d) A regular watch is being maintained by the State and Central Security agencies with a view to check unauthorised entry and/or movement of foreign nationals in the bordering areas of Gujarat. Governemnt of Gujarat have intimated that action for deportion of 22 Bangladeshi nationals, who are in their custody, has been initiated by them.

Mandatory Preparation of Mining Plan

251. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, preparation of mining plan/ scheme once in every five years is mandatory for the small mine owners also; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to involve the Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur, to do this job so as to provide technical assistance/relief to small mine owners, by bringing forward suitale legislation, in the interest of mining industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROf. RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to bring about any legislation in this regard. However, the Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur has already prescirbed simplified format for preparation of mining plan/mining schemes which benefit small mine owners. Indian Bureau of Mines also assists the recognised Qualified Persons who prepare the mining plans/schemes by organising training programmes, and by issue of guidelines/advice to such persons regularly.

Private Sector Participation in Coal Mining.

252. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of State for MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow private sector in the coal mining;